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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN CHARGED WITH BEING FELON IN
POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that VICTOR WELLS, 37, Indianapolis, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis today for possession of a firearm by a person previously convicted of a felony. This prosecution follows an investigation by the Indiana State Police, the Indianapolis Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and is part of the PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS initiative.

_____ On September 16, 2003, armed with a state search warrant, law enforcement officers entered the northeast side residence of VICTOR WELLS on Sea Oats Lane in Indianapolis.

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They located a Ruger, .357 caliber revolver from the master bedroom. WELLS was purportedly the only resident. The indictment further alleges that WELLS was previously convicted of Possession of Cocaine, a Class D Felony, in 1997 in Marion County, Indiana.

According to First Assistant United States Attorney Timothy M. Morrison, who is prosecuting the case for the government, WELLS faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 on each charge. An initial hearing on the indictment will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis. WELLS was ordered detained pending resolution of his case, following a hearing before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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